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PRES. A. SADAT:

Really it is a great occasion for me to meet with you. I asked for this myself. I asked to meet you in the Knesset as the representatives of the Israeli people. I want to send through you to the Israeli people our message from Egypt. As you know, for some time I have worked as a speaker for our Parliament, two sessions, two-and-a-half sessions, it was for about ten years. My main aim when I came here was to sit with you and open a discussion on all the issues that we have. I have heard with great interest all you have said now but let me be frank with you because when I asked to come here, I asked to come to the Knesset, to you. Let me tell you, in all honesty, I don't agree with a lot that I have heard just now here. This is quite natural in a democracy. I heard about the Palestinian state, about security, about the land of Sinai, one of the deputies spoke about the land of Sinai and then our friend here spoke about keeping the momentum that we have already started by this step when I came to you.

I must tell you also in all honesty, I would have liked to open this discussion and stay with you for 24 hours, or whatever it takes, to discuss every issue, but you know the time is limited and I think we shouldn't lose our time. What is our target today? Our target is to end or bring down the great barrier that has always separated us and has built distrust, has built bitterness, has built hatred. My main aim, after all the discussions that I thought we were going to continue here, was to end this state of distrust between us and, as I said yesterday when I was addressing you in the plenary session that in the past yes, we didn't agree to your being here but now I came here to tell you that we agree. It is a very long history if we are going to defend every point I have heard here from the deputies

but as I said let us concentrate on the main issue. What is the main issue now? It should be security for Israel. I quite agree with you. I said it yesterday before you in the Knesset. We agree. In this respect, as I said yesterday, we are ready and we have no objection to do whatever measures that can be agreed upon to provide you with full security. We have no objection at all against this. On the contrary, as I said, whatever measures will be taken, we shall be asking for the same thing for ourselves also.

The other issue is, the October War should be the last war. (applause) If we agree upon those two principles - security and no war again - whatever happens can be solved through peaceful negotiations or peaceful means. If we agree that those are the two main concerns for you, they are a concern for us also, for me. Let us drop all that I have heard here and let us concentrate on those two main issues - full security, no solving of whatever happens between us through war - that means that the October War is the last forever.

I think if we have this task, we will really be approaching the problem from the proper approach.

<u>President Anwar El Sadat (cont.);</u> I should like to tell you, because I came here to address you and to discuss with you - confidence should be built, so that we can keep the momentum that our friend talked about.

From our side - I tell you this. The first point, security - we agree to whatever measures will be taken. Either it is demilitarized zones on a reciprocal basis, or it is early warning stations, on a reciprocal basis also; guarantees from whatever body you like or you agree to - we have no objection at all. United Nations forces - all this.

But in all frankness, let me tell you this. You should face the realities of this very difficult problem. And in all honesty also, I must tell you this. You have to take very decisive decisions built on two main issues, security and no war again. Most of these decisions will be hard, but you must take it, and you must take your responsibility not only for this generation, but for the coming generations, to give every young man we have, and every girl, the opportunity to build a happy family in peace and goodwill. And let us hope, or I am praying really, that God guides you in your decisions. And, as I told you, they will be very hard decisions, but the example of myself, of my coming here to face you while still .. this has never happened in history, that two countries are in a state or war, and you are even occupying part of my land. And then I come here and discuss with you, and address you, and tell you my opinion, and everyone told me his opinion also. The Prime Minister yesterday gave his speech; the Leader of the Opposition also gave his speech; I gave my speech.

You have hard decisions to take, and we also have hard decisions to take. Let this be the proper approach to the problem, to the conflict in this

area. And I am sure the blessing of God, of every woman, every widow, every young man who has hopes for the future - all this will guide us to the proper decision, at the proper time. Thank you very much. (Applause).

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